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Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 3, 2011 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chair: Blake Trask
Vice Chair: Max Hepp-Buchanan
Recorder: Jodi Connolly
Location: Seattle City Hall, L280

Minutes Distribution List:

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Members Present:

Jodi Connolly, Matthew Crane; Sean Cryan; Gabe Grijalva; Kelsey Jones-Casey; Neal Komedal; Jean White; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Vice Chair)

Members Absent:

Ann Boyd; Allegra Calder; Anna Telensky; Blake Trask (Chair)

Guests:

Ethan Melone, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT); Jessica Murphy, SDOT; Doug Cox, SDOT; Jim Peters, DKS Associates; Steve Durrant, Alta Planning + Design; Mark Dorn, URS Corporation; Tom Fucoloro, Seattle Bike Blog; Devor Barton, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Max Hepp-Buchanan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments by members of the public.

PRESENTATIONS

Time: 6:02 p.m.

Topic: First Hill Streetcar and Broadway Cycle Track

Presenters: Ethan Melone and Jessica Murphy, SDOT; Mark Dorn, URS Corporation; Steve Durrant, Alta Planning + Design; Jim Peters, DKS Associates

Purpose: Update SBAB on the planning and design of the First Hill Streetcar and accompanying Broadway Cycle Track

Findings / Critical Points:

- Design now at 60 percent.
- Different segments of the one mile route call for different strategies/facilities.
- Route connects Denny to Pioneer Square via Broadway, Yesler and Jackson.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

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- Key strategies:
 - Reclaiming the street
 - Complete streets
 - Avoid impacting existing structures

- *Section between Denny and Yesler (along Broadway):*
 - Two-way cycletrack is the primary bicycle facility
 - Pedestrian walkways cross the cycletrack to the boarding platforms (walkways are raised to sidewalk level to alert cyclists of pedestrians)
 - Driveway crossings are concerns (design puts driveway at sidewalk level to better alert drivers to ped/bike facility)
 - Restricted left turns into driveways at some locations
 - Crosswalks at intersections are at road level to alert peds that they are entering traffic when crossing cycletrack
 - Bicycle crossings and turn boxes for left turns
 - Bicycle signals will lead bikes/peds for a few seconds
 - Replacing storm drain grates and resurfacing whole roadway
 - No right on red at some intersections crossing the cycletrack
 - Transition on Broadway (north to south approaching Denny) features left turn ball at Denny to get cyclists to cycletrack – if missed, there is another opportunity at Howell before crossing tracks

- *Section between Broadway and 14th on Yesler:*
 - Transition at Broadway and Yesler is a “mixing zone” on the SE corner
 - Facility changes to bike lanes
 - Current design suggests 2-stage left turn (Copenhagen left turn) at Yesler and 12th (eastbound to northbound)
 - “Bike sneak” at Yesler and 14th for right turns (eastbound to southbound)
 - Jackson/Boren/14th/Rainier will not allow left turns from Jackson to 14th (eastbound to northbound) as is currently not allowed

- *Section between 14th and Occidental (on Jackson)*
 - Features center boarding platforms
 - Bicycle facility changes to sharrow
 - 8th/Jackson eastbound features a bike cut through of the bus curb bulb

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- Q: Will there be bike boxes/turn boxes at each intersection?
A: No. They will be featured at any east-west designated bike facility connections.
- Q: What will be the location of the bike signals?
A: Hanging overhead. Specific in addition to motorist signals. Some will also be on the near side of the intersection.
- Q: What about managing driveway egress across the cycletrack?
A: May limit left turning
- Q: Will there be bike loop detection?
A: It will be automatic – not needed.
- Q: What about crossing tracks to continue east on Yesler?
A: Currently ped signal only. Need to add bike signal there as well.

- Q: Concern about crossing track at right turn from 14th to Jackson (southbound to westbound) needing more space for safer track crossing (reduce wheel drop/slipping likelihood).
A: Agreed – working on design.
- Q: Consider left turn from Jackson to 2nd Ave (westbound to southbound)
A: It will be considered. Might need a 2-stage bike box on 2nd Ave.
- SBAB discussed the use of the terms “bikeway” versus “cycletrack” for the new facility.
 - “Bikeway” is clearly different from “tracks” of the streetcar, though “cycletrack” is more recognized term – no consensus reached
- Signage for cyclists: SBAB discussed adding text and using street markings/paint at intersections (but could be confusing to motorists)

SBAB Recommendations:

- SBAB thanks the First Hill Streetcar/Broadway Cycle Track project team for all of their time and individual meetings, and recommends that the project move forward as designed with SBAB comments from this meeting considered.
- In addition, consistent with previous meetings between SBAB and SDOT, SBAB recommends that King Street be designated as an east/west bike corridor to mitigate the difficulty some bicycle users will face with transit on the renovated Jackson Street.

Action Item or Follow-Up:

- SBAB will share minutes with project team.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Topic: First Hill Streetcar construction

Presenter: Jessica Murphy, SDOT

Purpose: Briefing on the timeline and management of the First Hill Streetcar construction and what that means for cyclists who use the corridor

Findings / Critical Points:

- At 60 percent design now.
- Construction starts January 2012 (utility work first).
- Work includes underground utility work, rail construction, asphalt paving, roadway excavation and concrete paving and overhead utility work.
- Broadway and Jackson sections will be worked on simultaneously.
- Tools to manage cyclists include advance warnings, detours, publishing of alternate routes, enhanced signs and markings, parking changes, phasing, staging and outreach flyers.
- Affected intersections will be signed with detours for all traffic.
- Cyclists will be guided depending on work type (for example, okay for cyclists to go through during overhead utility, but not during track laying – better to detour).

SBAB Comments/Questions:

- Q: How will you sign the detour routes?
A: If the street stays open then there would not be turn by turn detour. If closed, then there would be a detour.
- Comment: SBAB has interest in reviewing phasing, detours and schedule.

SBAB recommendations:

- During construction of the First Hill Streetcar, SBAB suggested that SDOT provide suggested detour routes even when roads under construction are still open. Not all bicycle users can manage the conditions of a road under construction due to surface conditions, and those that need to detour may need route options provided to them.

Action Item or Follow-Up:

- SBAB will provide Jessica Murphy with copy of SBAB manual of suggested guidelines for managing cyclists through construction when it is completed.
- SBAB will contact Jessica for a follow-up meeting to further discuss detours and alternative routes through the area.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Topic: Closing Thoughts and Next Steps

Purpose: Update on SBAB activities

- SBAB's new Get Engaged member, Elizabeth (Liz) Nixon, will join the Board at the September meeting and serve a one-year term.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Max Hepp-Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

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